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1. SCICOUNS HAS DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVES FOR NEXT FDA VISIT WITH TSUNASHIMA. AS ANTICIPATED, TSUNASHIMA IS RELUCTANT TO SEPARATE HIS VISIT FROM THAT OF MHW FOOD AND DRUG TEAM. HE NOT ONLY FEELS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOOD AND DRUG DISCUSSIONS, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR HIS VISIT IF SEPARATED FROM REST OF TEAM. IN LIGHT OF PROBLEMS DESCRIBED REFTTEL, HOWEVER, TSUNASHIMA PROPOSES THAT HE REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH MONDAY AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28-29, FOR NECESSARY DISCUSSIONS WITH EHRlich. TO MINIMIZE GAP BETWEEN SESSIONS, IT MIGHT ALSO BE DESIRABLE TO BEGIN FDA SESSION ON OCTOBER 22, RATHER THAN OCTOBER 21.

2. FURTHER ALTERNATIVES ACCEPTABLE TO TSUNASHIMA WOULD BE TO SCHEDULE CONSOLIDATED SESSION FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 OR NOVEMBER 4, BUT HIS PREFERENCE IS AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1. EMBASSY HOPES DEPT AND HEW CAN AGREE ON THIS SOLUTION AND PROCEED WITH WRITTEN INVITATION TO MHW ON THIS BASIS.
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